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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HABING, DOUGLAS J.

Examiner

Glenn Richman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-33 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date See Continuation Sheet.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group II, claims 34-56 in the reply filed on 10/10/06 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 34-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Weber et al 6,579,213.


Weber et al disclose a frame (52); a resistance object (54); a first arm moveably attached to said frame such that said arm traverses a fixed path (20, left), said first arm also being connected to said resistance object (fig. 1); a second arm moveably attached to said frame such that said arm traverses a fixed path (20, right), said second arm also being connected to said resistance object (fig. 1); and at least two handle locations on each of said arms (22); wherein a user can manipulate a handle located at one of said handle locations on each of said arms to perform a converging exercise resisted by said resistance object; and wherein said user can manipulate a handle located at another of said handle locations on each of said arms to perform a diverging exercise resisted by

said resistance object (fig. 1), said converging exercise comprises a push- type exercise (col. 9, lines 19-31), said converging exercise comprises a pull-type exercise (col. 9, lines 19-31), said handle at said handle location and said handle at said another handle location comprise the same handle moved between the two locations (fig. 1), said handle at said handle location and said handle at said another handle location comprise different handles (fig. 1), the movement of said handle at said handle location causes movement of said handle at said another handle location (col. 9, lines 19-31), said first arm and said second arm each move independently of the other (col. 9, lines 19-31), said first arm and said second arm move dependently (col. 9, lines 19-31), first arm and said second arm each move rotationally (fig. 1), said first arm rotates about a first axis of rotation and said second arm rotates about a second axis of rotation different from the first axis of rotation (abstract), said first axis of rotation and said second axis of rotation are not parallel (col. 3, lines 13-26), a handle located at a first handle position traces a first arc when moved (col. 5, lines 20-31), said first arc converging to a reference plane; wherein a handle located at a second handle position traces a second arc when moved, said second arc diverging from said reference plane; and wherein said handle located at said first handle position and said handle located at said second handle position each obtain resistance from said resistance object in the same direction (fig. 4).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn Richman whose telephone number is 571-272-4981. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Huson can be reached on 571-272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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